

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3071
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2003
REQUIREMENT OF DAP
CHANDRA NATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any complaint from the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding the failure of IFFCO and Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) to meet the State's requirement of DAP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for scarcity of fertilizers; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) had written to Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers expressing his apprehension about the problems in supply of DAP by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) and Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) to the committed level in the months of November and December 2003.

(b) & (c): There has not been any shortfall in the overall availability as per the requirement of DAP in U.P. during the current Rabi season. As against the assessed requirement of 9.35 lakh MT of DAP for the Rabi 2003-04 season (1.10.2003 to 31.3.2004) in respect of U.P., 6.26 lakh MT DAP was made available to the State upto 30.11.2003 and the sale reported by manufacturers during the same period was 5.23 lakh MT. Hence, about 1 lakh MT of DAP stock was available in the State as on 30.11.2003, which shows that the availability at State level was adequate. Regarding supply of DAP by IFFCO and PPL, IFFCO has made available 3.31 lakh MT of DAP upto 15.12.2003 to the State against their committed supply of 4.8 lakh MT for the Rabi season. Similarly, PPL has made available 1.2 lakh MT of DAP upto 15.12.2003.

As of date, there is no report of shortage from any of the States and manufacturers/importers are ready to supply additional DAP to meet the shortfall, if any, in demand of States including U.P.